

**Mansfield Advisory Committee on the Needs of
Persons with Disabilities
January 24, 2012
Audrey P. Beck Building, Conference Room B**

Present: Gloria Bent, Jane Blanshard, Kathy Easley (staff), Kevin Grunwald (staff), Fred Goetz, Jennifer Tanner Stephanie Holinko (guest)

Regrets: Wade Gibbs

I. CALL TO ORDER at 2:35 by committee chair, Fred Goetz.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kevin noted that minutes to be reviewed are from October due to a lack of quorum in November and December.

The minutes of the October 25, 2011 meeting were approved (Moved Jennifer Tanner, seconded Jane Blanshard)

III. NEW BUSINESS

Review of Membership: J. Blanshard has renewed for one year. J. Sidney has resigned. S. Holinko is considering membership. Donna Korbel, Director of the UCONN Center for Students with Disabilities is interested in joining the committee. If her schedule does not permit, she will identify a staff person who can attend. G. Bent will contact Joan Dorion as a prospective member.

Resources for parents of children with disabilities:
G. Bent spoke about the DDS CT Family
Empowerment Network.

The committee agreed to invite them to come and
offer an information event for parents of children with
developmental disabilities. G. Bent will contact
CTFEN.

Other: F. Goetz noted the lack of pull cords in the
men's room in town Hall. J. Blanshard and J. Tanner
noted a similar lack in the womens' restroom. K.
Grunwald will check with facilities.

OLD BUSINESS

Review of ADA grievance: The committee
reviewed the information gathered regarding the
grievance. The committee agreed that K. Grunwald
will draft our response and share it with Maria
Capriola for review.

Accessibility issues: There has been no response
to letter sent to Mansfield Supply on September
28,2011. K. Grunwald and F. Goetz will draft a follow-
up letter.

Transportation concerns: Transportation limits
remain an issue, especially for seniors who no longer
drive. Some current public transports are not able to
accommodate walkers, scooters, wheel-chairs. After
reviewing current public transportation options and
agreed to invite Lon Hultgren, Department of Public
Works, to come and talk with us about the town's
transportation plan.

Adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Bent, recording secretary.